

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A bedding article, comprising:  
a plurality of bedding channels into which fill can be blown, wherein at least a majority of the channels are divided into just two longitudinal portions of different lengths by a closing element, wherein each said longitudinal portion is open along its entire length to receive filling therein and wherein the lengths of each of the two longitudinal portions, respectively, vary between adjacent channels, such that the portions overlap longitudinally between adjacent channels; and  
filling in the two portions of each channel.

2. (original) The article of claim 1, wherein the plurality of channels extend longitudinally of the bedding article.

3. (original) The article of claim 1, wherein the plurality of channels extend laterally of the bedding article.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (original) The article of claim 5, wherein the different lengths are in the range of 60%-90% for one length and 40%-10% for the other length, each pair of lengths adding to 100%, and wherein the different lengths alternate between adjacent channels.

7. (original) The article of claim 6, wherein the different lengths are 70% and 30%.

8. (original) The article of claim 6, wherein the different lengths are 80%-20%.

9. (original) The article of claim 6, wherein the different lengths are  $2/3$ - $1/3$ .

10. (original) The article of claim 6, wherein the different lengths are 60%-40%.

11. (original) The article of claim 5, wherein the width of the channels vary.

12. (original) The article of claim 11, wherein the width of the channels vary according to a preselected pattern.

13. (original) The article of claim 5, wherein the channels extend at a diagonal relative to the longitudinal direction of the bedding article.

14. (original) The article of claim 1, wherein the bedding article is a featherbed.